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SENATOR MARVEL: So, if I understand this bill correctly, if you're a student you have to work 40 hours. In other words, you've got to be working full-time to qualify in any case. Is that right?

SENATOR BURROWS: Let's see. I'm not sure. I believe this is correct, to the best of my knowledge.

SENATOR MARVEL: Alright, then all this does, in effect, is to say that if you're working full-time, under the present law, but you're only taking 11 hours you can't qualify?

SENATOR BURROWS: Under the present law you could qualify taking 11 hours, but that extra college hour would cut you out of qualification.

SENATOR MARVEL: If you're taking 12 hours and you work 40 hours a week you can't qualify under the present law?

SENATOR BURROWS: That is correct.

SENATOR MARVEL: Alright, thank you.

SENATOR BURROWS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, I would talk to LB 370 for just a minute. The unemployment procedures are set for those people who are involved in the work force so that when they're unemployed they'll have some money available so they can get reemployed. It's difficult for me to understand that if you're a student that you're involved in the work force. Either you're a student and you're improving yourself, or you're a member of the work force and you're working. We continue to fracture these proposals for the good of little, tiny, insignificant groups. We had a bill in here just the other day that would lower the income for workmans compensation for those officers of corporations that own 20 percent or more of the corporation. They would no longer have to belong to workmans compensation. Now that's fracturing one of these good, basic industrial workers propositions. Here again now we come along and we're fracturing, and screwing up the unemployment compensation that in this particular period of time this is when it's important. That money that goes in that fund is going to have to be used by those families that are unemployed. In my opinion this certainly does not come down to the little, tiny group of students who get unemployed. If they're students they're learning something to improve themselves. They are not full-time in the work force and they shouldn't be considered under unemployment compensation.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, we're not trying to legislate for a small area. We're trying to remove from statutes one of the inequalities that was put in when this was originally passed. Perhaps, when it was originally passed a student did